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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/10 of 26 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Community, as well as its resolutions 59/21 of 8 November 2004, 61/223 of 20 December 2006, 63/143 of 11 December 2008 and 65/139 of 16 December 2010,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular of Chapter VIII, that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa,

Considering that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations and taking into account, in that regard, the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[1]

Considering also the relevance of the Portuguese language in international affairs, unifying 240 million people in eight countries and four continents, and noting the political commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to promote the Portuguese language in international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its agencies, funds and programmes,

Welcoming the celebration of Portuguese Language Day, 5 May 2012, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, for the seventh

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consecutive year, on 10 May 2012, and by the States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in New York from 1 to 3 May 2012,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the final declaration of the ninth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Maputo on 20 July 2012, on the theme "The Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the challenges of food and nutritional security", in which the community reaffirmed, inter alia, the commitment of its members to strengthening the right to adequate food in national and communitarian policies, as well as the objective of eradicating hunger and poverty in the Community through the deepening of political and diplomatic coordination and cooperation in all fields;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, at its sixteenth ordinary meeting, held in Luanda on 22 July 2011, of the Strategy on Food and Nutritional Security, in which the Community decided to progressively institutionalize the theme of food and nutritional security within the Community and its mechanisms of governance;

3. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to strengthen the cooperation between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and United Nations specialized agencies and other entities and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

4. *Acknowledges* the relevance of the agreement of principles on the establishment of the International Centre for Climate Research and Applications for Portuguese-speaking Countries and Africa, signed in Bragança, Portugal, on 19 November 2010, the main objective of which is to promote applied research in the areas of environmental geosciences within the Community and the headquarters of which will be in Cape Verde;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the convening of the first civil society forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Brasilia from 28 to 30 September 2011, which set the foundations for the establishment of mechanisms for the broader participation, on a permanent basis, of civil society organizations from Portuguese-speaking countries in the decision-making process and implementation of projects of mutual interest;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts made by States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the international community to promote the restoration of the constitutional order in Guinea-Bissau and, in that context, recalls Security Council resolution 2048 (2012) of 18 May 2012, and notes the need to harmonize, through the active engagement of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau, the positions of international bilateral and multilateral partners, particularly the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the European Union, with a view to achieving a consensual, inclusive and nationally owned process of transition and to developing a comprehensive integrated strategy with concrete measures aimed at restoring the constitutional order, implementing

security sector, political and economic reforms, combating drug trafficking and fighting impunity, and recognizes the role of the Peacebuilding Commission and the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau in this regard;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries".